



DR. DANIEL H. WILLIAMS.

To Whom all Chicagoans Point With Pride as the Race's Foremost Surgeon.

RARE FEAT IN SURGERY.

Dr. D. H. Williams of Chicago, Removes a Mammoth Tumor and Saves a Woman's Life—Credit to the Race.

Not only the laity but the medical profession in Chicago seem astonished at the successful removal from a woman of a tumor weighing over one hundred pounds. This marks a feat in medical surgery in this country which is destined to attract the attention of the profession throughout the civilized world; and the fact that this wonderful feat was performed by a colored doctor will go a long way towards convincing the world's thinkers that the color of a man's skin does not determine the character and activity of his brain.

Dr. Daniel H. Williams, a Negro physician, living at 3149 Forest avenue, Chicago, whose modesty prevented him from giving us the information which we gathered at St. Luke's hospital, is regarded in Chicago to-day as one of the most remarkable surgeons who ever handled the knife; and although he refuses to discuss this latest surgical feat of his as at all out of the ordinary, and claims that "any careful doctor could do the same thing," yet, for all that, he must be conscious of the fact that his brethren of the profession regard him as having taken a long step upward in this case, and placed himself in name and, in fact, among the great men of this country of great men in surgery.

About ten years ago Mrs. Rena Barbour, of 3508 Dearborn street, became afflicted with an enlargement of the abdomen. She was employed as a cook in a family on Michigan avenue, where she worked as a domestic up until a short time ago, when her abdomen had grown to such immense proportions that she was unable to do work of any kind, or to lie down or get about at all. In the meantime the great weight of the rapidly grown tumor had reduced her to a mere skeleton.

Her condition was such that her friends abandoned all hope of ever relieving her, and all doctors who had examined her had advised against any attempted operation to remove the tumor. Although Mrs. Barbour is a married woman whose husband is a strong, hearty man, she says she had to work as a cook up to within a few days of the time she went to the hospital to keep from starving; that her husband spent all he could get hold of for drink, etc.

David Taylor, her nephew, seeing his auntie slowly dying from the effects of the tumor, arranged with other friends to get Mrs. Barbour into St. Luke's

Hospital, and placed her under the care of Dr. Daniel H. Williams, who, after reducing the size of the tumor, successfully removed it. The tumor, at the time it was removed, weighed between 110 and 125 pounds.

When seen by the editor of the *Conservator* on Wednesday Mrs. Barbour was cheerful and doing well. She was able to sit up in the bed and talked both freely and intelligently of her past condition, and seemed to be filled with the spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving for having been snatched from the jaws of a terrible death by the skill of a great physician and the mercy of a loving Savior. "It was the work of Dr. Dan and the Lord," said Mrs. Barbour, as she took the hand of the editor and smiled. "The Lord has been very good to me, and Dr. Dan Williams is a great and good man. He saved my life."

Mrs. Barbour is, as a matter of fact, a very poor woman in the world's goods, and Dr. Williams took charge of her case without money and without price, and has watched and cared for her with that interest and skill which are so characteristic of the man as though he expected a large fee.

Besides the question of humanity, we are deeply interested in this case from a standpoint of race pride. Mrs. Barbour is a colored woman and Dr. Williams is a colored man, and as the fame of this successful surgical operation spreads the name of Negroes will spread with it.—*Conservator*.

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